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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/RSK
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ATTENTION:

THROUGH: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, OAR

Chief, Economic Research Area, OAR

Chief, Industrial Division, OAR

SUBJECT: Draft Military Personnel Pay Study

REFERENCE: Gaps in Information Requirements on Soviet Military Economics

1. We are sending a draft copy of a report on personnel pay in the Soviet ground forces to FI/D. 25X1A9a it may be of interest to you, [redacted], and to [redacted] for background use relative to the requirements referenced above. This copy is being sent because it gives an example of how some of the information requested in the requirements may be used. Unfortunately the only copy available is a rather poor carbon copy. However, publication is not likely to occur for a month or two, and we would like to keep you as current as we can in this area.

2. As may be noted in Appendix J, Source References, CS information reports have provided a substantial amount of the [redacted] 25X1A2g used in the report. With respect to pay data, for example, [redacted] 1 Feb 51, provided excellent information on basic pay rates, especially those for enlisted men. A [redacted] 25X1A2g of defector reports were also useful in determining pay rates, [redacted] being a particularly helpful source. 25X1X1

3. [redacted] 25X1X1 and a large number of defector reports, which do not appear in the source references, provided much of the detail which permitted the construction of unit rosters. Pricing the personnel appearing in these detailed rosters (Appendix C is an example) formed the basis for the estimate of the pay bill for the ground forces. [redacted] 25X1X1 provided practically all the information used to derive the roster of personnel in the headquarters of the military district and groups of forces. CS reports such as [redacted] 16 Aug 55, and [redacted] 16 Apr 54, contain very useful information on the table of organizations of line units, including the ranks and numbers of men in given positions. 25X1A2g

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4. A number of other (S) reports such as [redacted] 1 Apr 59, provide valuable background and supporting information for this and other reports concerning military expansion. Reports similar to the latter are of special interest in estimating the effects which changes in the Soviet military structure will have on general estimates made in the past. For example, it is hoped that the source of [redacted] may be able to provide information on the current percentage strengths of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates in the Soviet forces in line with the requirements submitted under the Gaps in Intelligence program.

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